

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2008.

Claims 1-3, 5-13, 15-20, 22-28, 30-35 and 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegel (US Patent No. 6,484,261) in view of Freeman et al (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0002613).

Claims 4, 14, 21, 29 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegel (US Patent No. 6,484,261) in view of Freeman et al (U.S. Publication No. 2002/0002613) and in further view of Zellweger (U.S. Patent No. 6,397,222).

The combination of Wiegel and Freeman does not produce the claimed invention. Claims 1, 11, 20, 28 and 35 include the feature that “the administration tool is used to administer an application server and wherein adding the control panel extends the administration tool to allow for the management of third party software”. This feature is not shown or made obvious by the cited references.

For example, in paragraph [0465] – [0467] of Freeman, describes a common application subsystem that provides a common set of functions for specific application subsystems. Freeman discloses an administration tool 140; but this administration tool is not disclosed as being extensible even though it works with third party software.

For this reason, the claims are believed to be allowable.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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